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MEDICAL SUPPORT TO SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by the Government hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) concerning medical support to the senior citizens;

(b) the number of beds reserved for the senior citizens for their indoor treatment in each of the Government hospitals including AIIMS; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that doctors give preference to treating senior citizens?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c) In so far as the Central Government hospitals located in Delhi namely, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals including AIIMS are concerned, separate registration counters/windows/rows are provided for senior citizens in OPDs to avoid standing in long queue. In addition, assistance like wheelchairs/trolleys are also provided for senior citizens in OPDs of Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital. They are attended on priority basis in OPDs. There is a weekly geriatric OPD in Dr. RML Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital.

In Safdarjung 104 beds are reserved for senior citizens and in other Hospitals, although there is no special reservation of beds for senior citizens, preference is given to them in admission and bed is allowed to them on priority.